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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**MAIL STOP RCE**

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Sir:

This response includes a request for continued examination (RCE), a submission and fee pursuant to 37CFR 1.114. The period for reply has been extended five months by the Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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